

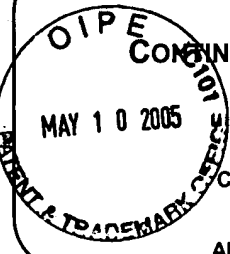
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	<b>Filing Date</b>	April 13, 2000
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Warren M. Farnworth
	<b>Art Unit</b>	2817
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	B. Lee
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	2269-4161US (98-1265.00/US)

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1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)

b. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)

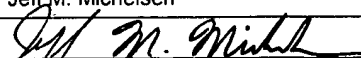
ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:** Warren M. Farnworth

**Serial No.:** 09/548,942

**Filed:** April 13, 2000

**For:** METHOD AND APPARATUS OF  
INTERPOSING VOLTAGE REFERENCE  
TRACES BETWEEN SIGNAL TRACES IN  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

The following amendments accompanying a Request for Continued Examination and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed January 10, 2005, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on April 10, 2005. This amendment includes a request for a one month extension which expires on May 10, 2005

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.